

Fresh clashes erupt in N. Lebanon

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Syrian peacekeeping forces and local gunmen exchanged sporadic shelling in this troubled northern Lebanese city Wednesday after a Syrian soldier was shot dead by an unidentified assailant. Five people were reported injured, one of them seriously, in the clashes. Security sources said the soldier was visiting people in the Kubbbeh district when a gunman stormed the house and sprayed him with a burst of machine-gun fire. They said several passers-by were injured in the clashes in which local residents said shells of various calibres and heavy machine-guns were used. Tripoli is under the overall control of the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) in Lebanon but has a long history of violence between pro and anti-Syrian militias.

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'Time running out for Mideast peace'

ARUSHA, Tanzania (R) — A meeting here to prepare an international conference on the Palestinians has been told that time is running out for a peaceful solution to the problem. Representatives of most African governments are attending the meeting, chaired by Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim. It will prepare Africa's position before a United Nations-sponsored international conference on the Palestinian issue due to be held in Paris in August. Tanzanian Prime Minister Edward Sokoine told the opening meeting Tuesday that time was running out to solve the Palestinian issue peacefully and he called on governments to help to find answers to it.

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Beirut ambush kills 1 Israeli, injures 2

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli soldier was killed and two wounded Tuesday night in a guerrilla ambush southeast of Beirut, the military command announced. The patrol was hit by bazooka fire near Kahlale, southeast of the Beirut suburb of Baabda, a military spokesman said. News of the incident was withheld for more than 24 hours until families of the victims were informed. Two Israeli soldiers were killed in the same area two weeks ago when their vehicle struck a land mine.

Lebanon detains arms haul

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanese customs officials said Tuesday they discovered artillery shells aboard a ship which had arrived in Beirut port from Greece. They said they were checking with Egyptian authorities a statement by the ship's captain that the cargo was destined for the Egyptian government. The vessel, whose name was not immediately available, arrived here Monday. Lebanese Radio reports said Justice sources said it was banned from sailing pending investigations.

Jerusalem Committee to meet April 18

JEDDAH (R) — A meeting of the Jerusalem Committee scheduled to take place in Rabat on April 3 has been postponed until April 18. The Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) announced Wednesday. In a statement issued at its Jeddah headquarters the OIC said the adjournment was due to prior engagements of the committee's members. The meeting called for by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will discuss the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories and latest developments in the Arab World. The Jerusalem Committee was set up by the 43-member organisation.

Japan urges Arabs to recognise Israel

CAIRO (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone said that Israel's recognition by the Arab countries could help the United States find a solution to the Middle East problem. The Cairo newspaper Al Ahram reported Wednesday. The semi-official newspaper, which interviewed Mr. Nakasone in Tokyo, quoted him as saying: "It is essential for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Arab countries to announce their readiness to live in peace with Israel."

Moscow says Israel plans to attack Syria

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet government Wednesday accused Israel of preparing to attack Syria, where Soviet troops are reported to be manning new missile defence bases. A rare official government statement said Israel regarded Damascus as the main obstacle to its power in the region and was trying to use Syria's new "defensive measures"—a reference to the missiles—as an excuse for aggression. "Military preparations are being conducted in Israel undisguisedly with the aim of delivering a pre-emptive strike at Syria," the statement, carried by TASS news agency, said.

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Violent protests mark Land Day in W. Bank

TEL AVIV (R) — Palestinian demonstrators stoned Israeli vehicles, blocked roads and staged strikes Wednesday in widespread protests to commemorate the seventh anniversary of protests against land seizures.

Eleven Israeli passengers were injured by shattered glass when buses were stoned in four separate incidents in the West Bank.

Israeli border troops were out in force to quell unrest and imposed curfews on the West Bank's largest town, Nablus, and a dozen refugee camps to prevent disturbances.

Security sources said the protests were mild compared to previous Land Day demonstrations. Land Day commemorates the death of six Arabs killed by Israelis during demonstrations against land expropriations in Galilee in 1976.

The day was observed in Israeli Arab villages with peaceful mass gatherings and processions, while Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip showed their solidarity by forced shopkeepers to open their

commercial stores and protests.

Nine Nablus residents were arrested for violating the curfew, and six Arab youths in East Jerusalem and Nazareth were arrested in connection with stonings, security officials said.

In the Gaza Strip, youths twice hurled hand grenades at Israeli army patrols near the Jabaliya refugee camp but caused no injuries.

A device containing one kilogramme of explosive planted near military headquarters in Gaza City was dismantled before it blew up, Israel Radio said.

In the West Bank town of Tulkarm, attackers threw three home-made molotov cocktails at Israeli vehicles Tuesday and Wednesday.

Security forces in the territories forced shopkeepers to open their

related to Land Day.

Jordan stages rally

AMMAN (J.T.) — A public rally was held at the Palace of Culture Wednesday to commemorate Land Day in remembrance of Arabs killed by Israeli authorities in Galilee in 1976.

Shops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip opened under military pressure, the radio said.

An army helicopter hovered overhead in an effort to determine possible trouble spots.

Israeli troops, armed with sub-machineguns, watched from rooftops in the West Bank town of Ramallah. They could be seen lying on mattresses on the outskirts of other West Bank towns, apparently ready to move in swiftly if violence flared.

Bedouin Arabs in Israel's southern Negev, who have been under pressure to give up their pasture lands to make way for new Israeli military installations, also staged protests, burning tyres and closing schools for the day.

In a separate incident, a seven-year-old Arab child was killed and two other children injured while playing with a land mine they uncovered near their home in the Galilee town of Shfaram, the radio said.

Police said the incident was not related to Land Day.

The speakers also called on Arabs to "unify their ranks and mobilise their resources to confront the Zionist enemy who constantly threatens the Arab Nation, its existence and future," the agency reported.

They appealed to Arab leaders to render support to the Arabs under Israeli occupation and appealed to international organisations and bodies to support the just struggle of the Palestinians, Petra said.

The rally was attended by National Consultative Council Speaker Suleiman Arar, Transport Minister Ali Suheimat, Minister of Social Development In'am Al Mufti, heads of Jordanian trade unions, key Jordanian intellectuals, journalists and senior officials.

Sugar, rice prices to go down

AMMAN (Petra) — The price of sugar and rice will go down as of April 2, according to instructions issued Wednesday by Minister of Supply Ibrahim Ayyoub.

According to the new instructions, a tonne of sugar will cost JD 168 in wholesale while the retail price of a kilogramme will be 180 fils, a reduction of 30 fils. A tonne of rice will cost JD 165 in wholesale and the retail price of a kilogramme of rice will be sold at 180 fils.

Commenting on the price reduction, Mr. Ayyoub said that this was made possible by a drop in the prices of these commodities on the international market.



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the director of the Royal Medical Services, Daoud Hunania (to Sultan Qaboos' left)

Hussein, Qaboos formally inaugurate heart institute, rehabilitation centre

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According to Dr. Hunania, all the staff at the centre are Jordanian specialists with advanced training in their respective fields.

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The ceremony was attended by the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khumash, senior army officers and an Omani delegation accompanying Sultan Qaboos.

Sultan Qaboos signed an official document at the centre and voiced appreciation of the centre's staff

for the humanitarian services they render to the patients.

Earlier Wednesday Sultan Qaboos visited the Martyr's Monument.

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Palestinians reject move to issue identity cards

By Afifah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Palestinian refugees categorically reject a proposal by the United Nations General Assembly to issue identity cards to them, if such cards would replace the ration cards issued by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), a representative of the refugees said Wednesday.

The official, briefing correspondents after the meeting, said Mr. Habib told reporters he was leaving for Washington Thursday and would return to the Middle East next week.

The main stumbling block in the negotiations is still the future of Israeli-backed militia leader Maj. Haddad, who was still objecting to leaving Maj. Haddad in any command capacity in southern Lebanon.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told Mr. Habib nobody in Israel would take the responsibility for withdrawing troops from Lebanon without being certain that there were people left behind who we can trust," the official said.

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HOME NEWS



Jean Jakus, founder and conductor of the European Philharmonic Orchestra (Photo: Margi Bryant)

EEC festival youth orchestra scores on sensitivity

By Margi Bryant
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Tuesday night's gala concert by the Young Soloists of the European Philharmonic Orchestra is bound to rank as one of the highlights of the European Community Spring Festival, even with three weeks of musical events still to come. The 27-member chamber orchestra, made up of top students from European academies of music, impressed the first-night audience at the Royal Cultural Centre with the professionalism and sensitivity of their playing.

Chamber music, with its greater demands on both player and listener, is arguably less familiar to the Amman public than symphonic music. The true quality of the Young Soloists Orchestra was probably best appreciated by those who were familiar with the

music played, despite the fact that by choosing, for the most part, established works from the chamber repertoire—the players exposed themselves to rigorous comparisons.

They did not come off badly from such comparison, especially the solo players. First violinist Silvin Emil Ciobotta played the violin solo in the Mozart Sinfonia Concertante with an expressiveness not easily matched anywhere. The co-ordination between the Ciobotta and the highly professional playing of viola soloist Gisella Bergman was exact, both technically and interpretatively, while the supporting strings infused this lovely piece of music with a compelling blend of tension and lyricism.

The same expert co-ordination was felt between the two violin soloists in the Bach D major dou-

ble concerto, which Thomas Kas and Per Nasborn played with pace and style, though perhaps a little too briskly to bring out all the emotional nuances of the piece. An equally stylish performance was given by soloist Luc Capouillez in the Torelli D major trumpet concerto.

The scheduled programme ended with the "Hymn to Joy" from the last movement of Beethoven's ninth symphony, which the EEC uses as its anthem. Originally scored for full symphony orchestra and choir, the "Hymn to Joy" sounds unexciting in this reduction for chamber orchestra, and seemed a disappointing conclusion to the evening, especially when it was quite unnecessarily played again as the first encore.

However, the second encore changed the mood of the evening back to one of excitement, with a

truly dazzling display of virtuosity on the flute from soloist Gaby van Riet in the Devienne D major concerto. This piece forms part of the scheduled programme for Thursday and Friday nights.

The Young Soloists Orchestra represents the cream of the 120-strong European Philharmonic Orchestra, which was formed in 1974 by its present conductor Jean Jakus, to accompany the EEC's in-house choir. Since then the Philharmonic has become an established orchestra in its own right, though its membership—drawn from music academies in EEC countries—is necessarily fluid.

The young soloists group gives us a rare chance to play in a chamber orchestra and to play solo parts, which are two very different disciplines but both very challenging," viola soloist Gisella Bergman told the Jordan Times.

members, some have played with the parent orchestra for years while others, including first violinist Silvin Ciobotta, joined only a few months ago.

Like the full Philharmonic, the chamber group only assembles for a particular tour or concert series, and rehearsal time is therefore at a premium. For the concerts in Amman, the players rehearsed their parts separately, meeting in Brussels last weekend for an intensive two days' ensemble work before flying to Jordan Monday.

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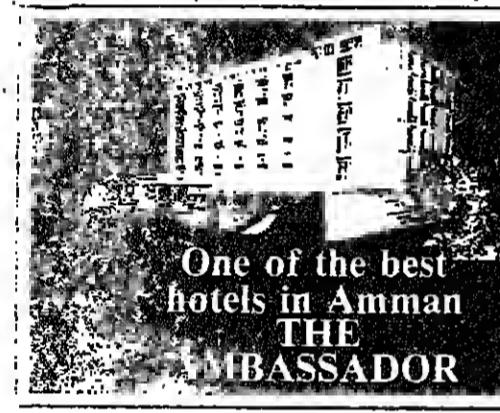
"We all regularly play in our academy orchestra, but that's a kind of obligation," added the violinist Silvin Ciobotta. "The standard of this group is so much higher, it's a real pleasure to play in it."

Fleuria Guly, 20, from Cyprus, played with the Young Soloists for six years and the young soloists' greatest desire is to earn more money to the value of being in a professional ensemble. "It's a great and challenging job," she said, "and we're learning."

Conductor Jean Jakus told the Jordan Times that he felt the Amman festival had been a success. "This is the first time our orchestra has performed outside the EEC and I hope that going smoothly it will encourage us to do more tours further ahead in the future," he said.

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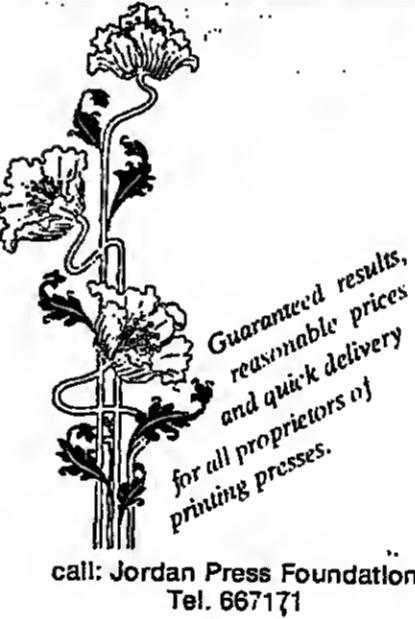
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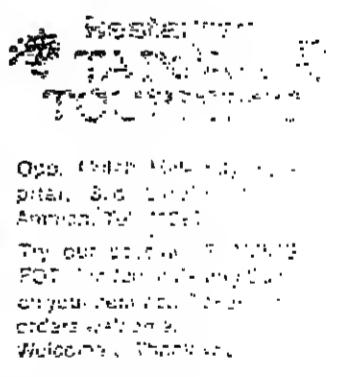
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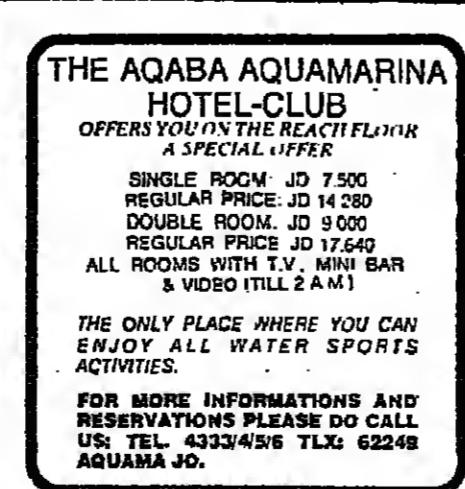
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HOME NEWS

W. Germany donates flour consignment for Palestinian refugees

AMMAN (Petra) — West Germany has donated 3,650 tonnes of flour to Jordan to be distributed to Palestinian refugees and displaced persons.

Minister of Occupied Territories' Affairs Hassan Ibrahim took delivery of the consignment which was formally handed over by the West German ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz.

In a speech to mark the occasion, the minister voiced Jordan's appreciation of the gesture to the West German government. The

Jordanian government is deeply grateful to West Germany for all types of assistance offered to Jordan in many different fields, the minister said.

Mr. Munz replied praising the close relations existing between Jordan and West Germany. This act is a token of friendship and an expression of our desire to support the Jordanian government's intensified efforts under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein to relieve the sufferings of the refugees in Jordan, Mr. Munz said.

Oman, Jordan seal information agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh discussed with his Omani counterpart Abdul Aziz Al Rawwas Wednesday cooperation between Jordan and Oman in the information field.

At a meeting, attended by senior Information Ministry officials on both sides, the ministers discussed the implementation of a joint information programme which entails cooperation in television and radio affairs and the exchange of news material, publications, and training in information-related fields.

To this end, the ministers reached an agreement which is to be signed at a later date. At the meeting both ministers praised the close Jordanian-Omani ties and hoped that the new agreement will further enhance cooperation.

Writers launch heritage week

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Writers Association (JWA) will launch a Jordanian popular heritage week Monday.

This will include an exhibition of national costumes, collections of books and national documents, and a display of historic pictures including some rare photographs lent to the exhibition by the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives.

Also on the programme will be seminars to be held in the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University, and the Professional Association Complex.

The activities, the first of its type in Jordan, are aimed at highlighting Jordanian popular culture.



Yugoslav trade team returns Wednesday

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Yugoslav economic delegation left Amman Wednesday at the end of a three-day visit to Jordan after talks with Jordanian officials aimed at the bolstering of trade and economic cooperation between Jordan and Yugoslavia.

The talks culminated Tuesday with the signing of a protocol to increase the volume of trade between the two countries, and to boost cooperation in launching

joint economic ventures in Jordan.

Under the protocol Yugoslavia will increase its imports of chemical fertilisers, potash and phosphates from Jordan and will export to Jordan meat and various consumer products.

During their stay in Jordan, the Yugoslav delegation toured Jordanian economic projects and visited archaeological sites in the country.

Khadouri requests more medical aid

AMMAN (Petra) — Visiting Omani Health Minister Mubarak Al Kbadouri said here Wednesday that his country is in need of Jordanian medical expertise specially in the fields of psychotherapy, paediatrics, laboratory research as well as generalised medical treatment. He was speaking at a meeting with his Jordanian counterpart Zuhair Malhas and senior Health Ministry officials.

The two sides set up a joint committee to follow up the implementation of an agreement signed earlier.

Hassan: Private sector must aid public services

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday urged the Amman Municipality to examine other countries' experiences in running public services and to copy them where suitable for Jordan.

Prince Hassan was speaking at a meeting with Amman's new Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh and his senior aides.

He called on the Jordanian private sector to cooperate with the public sector in implementing public service projects and schemes intended to develop Amman. The municipality should coordinate its work with other government departments in the course of implementing projects in Amman. It must also prepare its plans for the municipality at least

five years in advance in order to ensure effective cooperation on the part of the municipal council, Prince Hassan said.

Prince Hassan also stressed the need for enlightening the Jordanian public on their rights and responsibilities through the utilisation of television and other media which, he said, ought to explain the different problems faced by the municipality and suggest any possible solutions.

During the meeting, Mr. Rawabdeh informed Prince Hassan on

the municipality's coming programme. The municipality has drawn up plans for the improvement of transportation services in Amman; creating car parks, draining water, repairing roads, establishing public gardens and youth centres, and numbering streets. Mr. Rawabdeh said.

He went on to say that, by the end of May 1983, all Amman streets will have been repaired and a special committee has now been set up to give new names to the streets in Amman facilitating their easier identification.

Following the meeting, Prince Hassan, the mayor and several officials toured a number of quarters surrounding the municipality building and studied the services offered to them.

Mayors' administrative training seminar ends

AMMAN (Petra) — A five-day seminar on raising the standard of the administrative skills of 20 mayors in the Amman and Balqa governorates ended here Wednesday. During the symposium, the participants discussed the role of local government and its relationship to overall development in Jordan, cooperation between the provincial governor and the municipalities, administrative law, personnel management and new regulations aimed at coping with local pollution problems.

The participants then issued proposals relating to the treatment of pollution, the combating of insects in the Jordan Valley and on subjects pertaining to residential areas in the two governorates. The recommendations also included a call to raise the standard of performance of municipal employees, and to hold refresher training courses for engineers and surveyors employed by the municipalities.

The seminar was organised by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment in cooperation with the Institute of Public Administration.

Ramtha schoolgirls open art exhibition

RAMTHA (Petra) — A four-day art exhibition by Ramtha schoolgirls opened here Wednesday. On display is a collection of paintings, models, embroidery, needlework as well as traditional national costumes.

Heads of local government departments and an audience of invited guests attended the opening ceremony.

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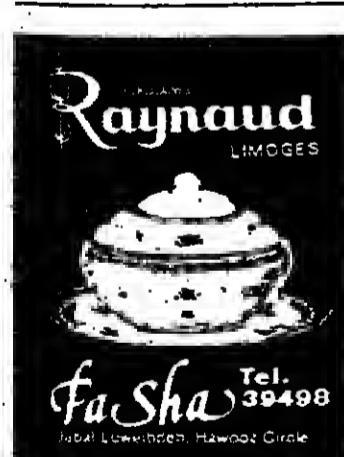
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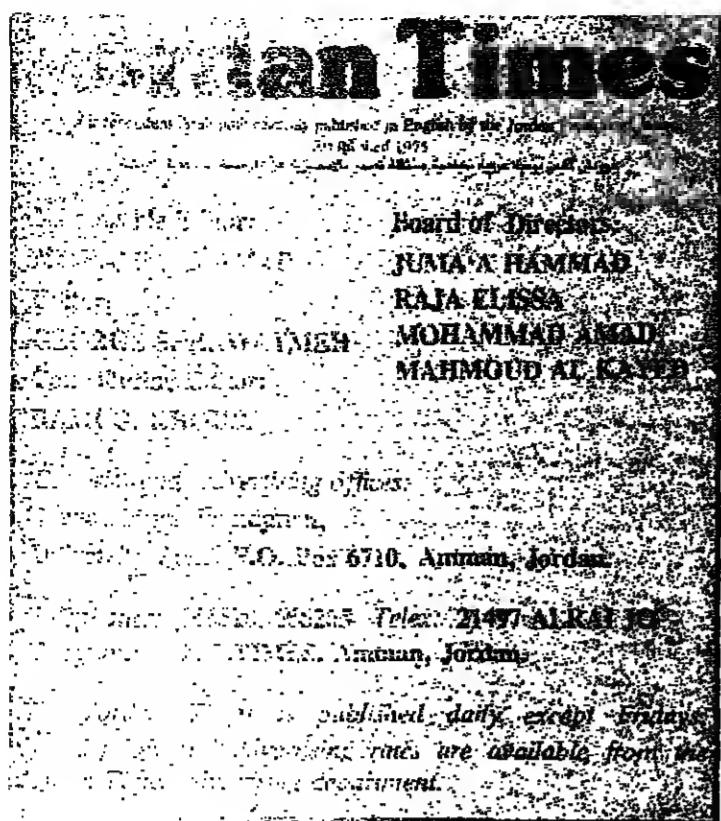
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Yom Kippur's shuttle

By Menachem Begin with American officials that he won't give up even the faintest of his doubt about Israeli ability to remove the PLO from Lebanon and when over-time duty calls upon him to protect his people.

Who can tell the truth? There is respect, across the board, for Begin's achievements and way of life, but they would have no more credibility than the short-sightedness and betrayal of successive US presidents when it came to the question of the Middle East. In fact, however, the Israelis, specifically their present government, don't like Philip Habib, neither when he negotiated the withdrawal of PLO forces from Beirut nor now when it is Israel's turn to be an occupying army out of Lebanon. We would not like to see him return, so to secure Begin and company of disliking the US, and because he's of Arab percentage; after all, he is the American envoy sent here yesterday by the highest authority in his country to represent themselves, the Israelis, and the Arabs. What we do know, however, is that Habib is not liked by the Israelis, and his presence bothers their government in one way or another.

There are, for a number of reasons, see Habib in a different light, and he is truly in many cases. To us, he is the special U.S. envoy we wanted to be well liked and respected by his president and secretary of state, and, presumably, by ordinary Americans as well; he may be a bit dim-witted but he sounds like an honest and clever man. In short, he is a hard worker and a tireless mediator. Normally though, we try to differentiate between him and his government and we also find it extremely difficult to separate their political judgment on the Middle East issue as such. In short, unlike the United States of America.

In short, the Israelis may prefer to press on with their campaign, unscrupulously but conveniently started by Ariel Sharon during the height of Beirut last summer, to discredit and eventually put down General Philip Habib, as if the problem lies in what the man himself rather than in the Israeli government's own attitude, its erosion and greed in dealing with Americans: people and government.

It does not really matter much to us if Begin's strategy wins or fails to capture Beirut, simply because in the end it is America that will reap the fruits of its success or sow the seeds of its decline in the area if he fails.

What does trouble us in any case is Washington's extreme unwillingness, unwillingness, to come to Habib's rescue when the Israelis take him from everything else, only to pick on him personally. It should not be too much trouble for any U.S. presidential envoy to convince the Israelis of the wisdom of withdrawing their army from Lebanon and the U.S. president should know that he could do this job much better and easier, and also save his best envoys the trouble of endless night and sleepless nights, from his comfortable residence at the White House if only he insisted.

It is most unfortunate and indeed sad that for peace in the Middle East, the U.S. still insists on paying a cheap price. It just will not do. Surely, Stevens, Reagan and Shultz must have heard it from their own constituents before credibility begins at home.

PLATINUM PRESS EDITORIALS

Af-Pal: Land Day given meaning

LAND Day should not be confined to March 30 every year but should rather exist as a daily reminder that the struggle should continue for the liberation of all the Arab homeland. This belief, strongly held by the people from both banks of the Jordan River represents a symbol of the people's steadfastness under Israeli occupation, and a commitment to defend the homeland.

The Land Day anniversary should serve as an incentive for the Arabs to raise the required level of responsibility and act free the occupied land and liberate its people. The Arabs should act on the international level to put an end to Israel's arrogance, its occupation of Arab territory, and its repressive stand toward peace.

Unless the Arabs can't sufficient self-confidence to translate their feelings into the symbolic Land Day will remain devoid of all meaning. Jordan has appreciated this fact and the current Jordanian-Palestinian co-operation places the country in the forefront of the Arab self-respectiveness.

Af-Citrus: March 30 symbolises struggle

LAND Day is not only a time when we remember but also an expression of unlimited pride in the steadfastness of the Arab people in the occupied Arab territories. The anniversary reminds us of those who still stand up to Israel's constant attempts to eradicate an Arab entity from Palestine and who continue to prove their total commitment to the defense of the homeland.

Land Day is one more link in a long chain of actions signifying Arab struggle against Zionists and their attempts to swallow up the land of the Arab world which Israel occupied Palestine, the territory's inhabitants being demonstrating their rejection of occupation and aggression. The date March 30, 1976 represents one more milestone in the Arab struggle against Israel's determined plans to ethnically cleanse the Palestinians from their homeland.

Let the Arab people who live under Israeli occupation for their heroic tenacity, and their struggle to safeguard their homelands.

Af-Al-Sabe: Land is central concept

PALESTINIAN revolutions since the turn of the 20th century have been carried around the concept of the defense of the homeland. Different Arab-Israeli wars to date have been waged, by the Arab side, on the concept of defending the land. The Arab-Israeli conflict is based on the ownership of land, with the Palestinians trying desperately to cling to their lawful property in the face of Zionist attempts to deprive them of it and settle Jews in their place. The Zionist challenge to the Arabs is therefore represented in the constant violation, by the Zionists, of the Palestinians from their homeland.

Land Day is the anniversary of the 1976 martyrdom of six Arab citizens from Galilee who fell in defense of their land which was being usurped by the Zionists. Those who sacrificed their lives for the land should serve as an example to all Arabs and a sacred symbol of the struggle to regain the lost Arab homeland.

RED & BLACK

By Jawad Ahmad

In God we trust

The term used as a little for this week's columns adorns the metal coins of the United States of America. It could not be more appropriate than these days, because the U.S. currency is experiencing memorable days in its history.

In 1970, the U.S. dollar was devalued. The same thing happened in 1971. The dollar lost a great deal of its prestige and appeal as an international currency. In the latter part of the seventies, the U.S. dollar looked quite pathetic vis-a-vis other major currencies such as the Japanese yen, the German mark and the Swiss franc.

Nowadays, the strength of the yen, mark and Swiss franc does not compare favourably to that of the dollar. Also, the French franc has been deva-

lued and will most likely continue to loose value in the near future. Moreover the British pound is sliding downhill. Meanwhile, the U.S. dollar seems to become, ever stronger. Why? Is the strength of the dollar a true reflection of the revival of the American economy? Or is the improvement in the value of the dollar an indication of the degeneration of the world monetary system?

The answer, as far as I can see, is a bit of both. The American economy has begun to show signs of improvement. Interest rates are down, investment is growing and there are increasing job opportunities. Also, an improvement in the balance of payments has taken place dur-

ing recent months. This would naturally instill a higher degree of confidence in the dollar.

On the other hand, the chaos in the international monetary market is unprecedented in magnitude. Who would have believed a 2000 per cent rise in the interest rate of the French franc which has induced in order to penalise French investors who wanted to borrow short in order to make money on their country's currency misfortune before it was deva-

lued - Crazy, isn't it? Where is the International Monetary Fund? Why is it not doing anything? Is the fund only keeping busy interfering in the countries who only can complain about the crazy developments in the currency market?

Argentina one year after the Falklands war

A military adventure doomed from the start

By Robert Powell

Reuters

Buenos Aires — One year after Argentina's ill-fated invasion of the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands, the country looks back on the move as a poorly thought out military adventure which was doomed from the start. The wave of public euphoria which initially greeted the April 2 invasion rapidly turned into deep disillusionment after British forces recaptured the islands 10 weeks later.

Political leaders, who last April welcomed the Falklands' forced incorporation into Argentina after 150 years of British rule, today denounce the armed forces for having launched the country into a war it had no chance of winning.

Even senior military officers who held top command positions during the brief war now admit in private that Argentina set out to fight against impossible odds.

With the U.N. Security Council condemning Argentina as an aggressor and the U.S. and NATO backing Britain, Argentina's bid to defend the islands could not succeed, the officers say.

Nevertheless, last year's military setback has not dented Argentina's resolve to press its claim to sovereignty over the Falklands by all possible means.

The recovery of "our Malvinas" is the top priority of Argentine foreign policy and one of the few points on which the ruling military junta and civilian political leaders agree. Public opinion does not encourage the armed forces for having tried to seize the islands by force, but for having failed after a string of other economic and political failures during seven years of military rule.

Since the armed forces seized power in 1976, the foreign debt has mushroomed to \$38.7 billion from 10 billion. Living standards have plummeted amid economic recession. In addition, the armed forces' ruthless crackdown on leftist guerrilla movements resulted in the disappearance of thousands of civilians whose fate the gaps in its defences which battle experience revealed.

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Islamic opposition to Assad regrouped and looking for new tactics

By Paul Taylor

Reuters

BONN — The Islamic opposition to Syrian President Hafez Assad has regrouped since he crushed a Muslim revolt in the city of Hama last year and is looking for new tactics to overthrow him, according to Adnan Saadeddin, one of the movement's leaders.

Mr. Saadeddin, who describes himself as the political head of the shadowy Syrian Muslim Brotherhood, was speaking in an interview during a fleeting visit to West Germany this week. He said his movement, blamed by the authorities for the February, 1982, Hama uprising which the Syrian army suppressed after several weeks with great loss of life, had formed a "national alliance" with other opposition groups.

"We underestimated the brutality of the regime. The Islamic movement must adopt new tactics now to save the civilian population from being the main victim of the battle between the Mujaheddin (Islamic fighters) and Assad," he said.

Other Syrian exile sources said there had been bitter disputes within the Islamic movement over responsibility for the high civilian death toll in Hama and several senior figures in the Muslim Brotherhood had been ousted.

"Before Hama there was a battle between armed fighters and the regime. But since then the regime has systematically taken revenge on the civilian population -- on women, children and old people as well," Mr. Saadeddin said. He did not specify what tactics the movement would now use but the exile sources said it was going back to guerrilla actions against military targets and individual members of the Syrian leadership and attempt to infiltrate the armed forces.

Indeed, British visitors to Argentina since last year's conflict are usually surprised by the cordial treatment they receive, despite the continuing lack of diplomatic relations and trade embargo between the two countries. A commonly held view is that the Falklands conflict was an act of madness caused by the stubbornness of political leaders in both London and Buenos Aires and that really the British and Argentine people have no good reason to be enemies.

New weaponry bought

According to diplomatic sources, Argentine fighter planes regularly approach the 15-mile protection zone which Britain has declared around the Falklands, probing British defences. Argentina is also gradually replenishing military equipment lost in the conflict and buying new weaponry to fill the gaps in its defences which battle experience revealed.

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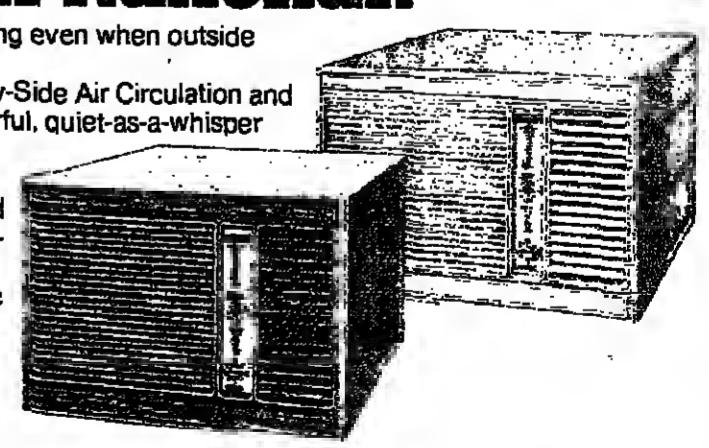
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Limited information colours Arab image

By Dr. Issam Suleiman Moussa

Concluding a report on U.S. press coverage of the Arab image, 1916-75. The author is Assistant Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication, Yarmouk University.

Events in the Arab World, as discussed by the press reports between 1916 and 1948, showed that the Arabs were involved in various relationships. These showed the Arabs emerge from a state of control by the Ottomans Turks and then by the colonial powers, to a state of semi-full independence, by the late forties.

Elements of conflict and co-operation influenced these relationships throughout. The Arabs co-operated with the European Allies in WWI, and some participated in WWII. The Europeans, following WWI, were interested in dominating the region. This led to Arab fragmentation and confrontation with the Europeans. The Arabs also confronted British designs to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine. During WWI, the U.S. began to develop an increasing interest in the economic and strategic potential of some Arab countries. This came at a time when modern Arab states began to be independent, and when the Europeans began to lose their influence in the Arab World.

The portrayal of Arabs in press reports during this period became a function of these events and relationships. The Arab image emerged the romanticism of the past which was brought about by the Arabian Nights and reinforced by the movie industry in the early years of this century. The wide variety of events and relationships that occurred between 1916 and the late forties had an immense impact on the de-romanticisation and subsequent realism of the Arab image.

The first question that might be raised regarding Arab portrayal in the press reports of the New York Times between 1916-1948 is: did news coverage report Arabs?

Coverage was primarily event-oriented. In this, the reports focused primarily on those Arabs associated with events, and ignored others, such as those in Libya, Tunisia and Yemen, who were not reported (except for scanty remarks occasionally).

Events also determined the extent of reporting about the Arabs. Certain years received extensive coverage, such as 1920; others were covered very briefly, such as 1935. Generally, the twenties and forties were full of events, and received more coverage than the thirties.

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categories.

Further, coverage in the political and military contexts was characterised by high conflict and unfavourable treatment. The economic context was more balanced. Consequently, the economic context is seen as flexible and of future importance. If it becomes more unfavourable, then it might add to stereotyping of the image. If it becomes more favourable, it might aid in decreasing any stereotyping dependent upon the other, unfavourable contexts.

Later research on the Arab image suggests this future importance of the economic context, when the oil-producing countries had imposed two other embargos prior to that, in 1956 and 1967.

But in these the Arabs were not stereotyped, as they were in 1973, as "oil blackmailers". This suggests the sensitivity of the economic context.

Coverage allowed a European (French-British-Jewish) view to prevail in the inter-war period.

Based on the increase in frequency of Arab and American sources and U.S.-Arab relationships, and Arab-American-Jewish view began to take over and replace the old one by 1944. The Jewish view found a foothold in the coverage of these two phases. This was based on the constancy of Jewish sources over the whole period.

Finally, coverage provided for a trace of romanticism about the Arabs. This was more apparent in the early period than in later years (during which such traces occurred only in isolated events). This trace represented a continuity and/or a carry-over from a past romantic image of the Arabs which prevailed before 1916.

Hence, the twenties might be viewed as the beginning of an era of de-romanticisation of the Arab image, and the beginning of a more realistic one.

These points sum the main characteristics of Arab coverage in the New York Times prior to 1948. The question that remains to be asked, at this point, relates to the reader of these reports. What were the implications of this coverage for the reader? What might be some of the impressions this coverage left on the mind of the reader, and what kind of image of the Arabs would be formed?

Two main general rules might be inferred from the above discussion on the nature of Arab coverage. (1) Information reported on the Arabs was limited. (2) Coverage was imbalanced.

Information, as provided by the reports, is considered limited for a

variety of reasons. Coverage, being event-oriented, gave information about some Arabs and not all of them. Arab contexts of relationships were limited mostly to the political, military and economic, particularly in the thirties and forties. Other contexts for Arab life were ignored. Such a limited focus might aid in creating a more rigid image, rather than an open one. This limited focus also might suggest some bias, that only few contexts out of many were permitted to be seen. Further, Arab relationships were limited to a few, mostly Western parties. Most importantly, Arabs were frequently reported in conflict relationships.

All these represent limitations on the kind of information which was published, and to which the reader was exposed. The reader could not possibly receive a complete picture of Arab life through these reports.

Coverage could also be considered imbalanced. Imbalanced reporting could be substantially supported by analysing the usage of sources in reports. In the twenties and thirties, more British-French-Jewish sources were used than Arab or American; the latter began to increase considerably in 1944 and 1947. Therefore, a mostly European (French-British-Jewish) view prevailed in the reports during the inter-war period. This was superseded by a mostly Arab-American-Jewish view following 1944. Additionally, a reliance on Jewish and French sources, in the inter-war period, which mostly reported unfavourable attributions and relationships, constituted another indication of imbalanced reporting.

However, it might be argued that the increase in usage of Arab sources in the forties could represent a shift towards reporting a more balanced, independent, Arab view. But this argument could be undermined by the finding that Arab relationships, and Arab sources, were reported frequently in conflict relationships in the forties.

Hence, it is suggested that the limited information, coupled with an imbalanced coverage, could have possibly led to the formation of some misconceptions about the Arabs prior to 1948. Such misconceptions might have aided in creating stereotypes that distorted the Arab image as a whole.

Among the possible distortions that had developed prior to 1948, a few deserve attention.

"Arab", as a term applied to

Arabs in general, or as a modifier,

was used in reports as a rubric to define only a small segment in some Arab society. By accepting the European view of the situation in Palestine during the inter-wars period, the journalists fell in the trap of defining Palestinians as "Arabs", and their acts as "Arab" (e.g., "anti-Zionist Arabs", and "Arab terrorists"), thus ignoring their nationalistic status. The same qualifications and generalisations that were given to the Palestinians were still in use in more recent times, when for example, referring to "Arab terrorists" meaning Palestinian armed men. The same imprecision in using these terms was also used in reporting about "Arab oil blackmail" meaning the few Arab oil-producing countries.

What adds additional importance to this conclusion, is the finding that the term "Arabs" and/or "Arab" was emphasised both in conflict and unfavourable treatment. Conflict was found a constant feature in reporting of this referent. This, therefore, could have aided in presenting an image of conflict for Arabs.

Persistent use of the term "Arabs" imprecisely in recent years might be a possible indication that the U.S. press continued to adopt and apply the imprecision it inherited from the Europeans, in the inter-war period, regarding Arabs in general.

Another possible misconception that this reporting could have created in the mind of readers is one dealing with conflict.

Most Arab referents, the military, political, and religious contexts, were most often discussed in conflict relationships. The emphasis on conflict possibly presented the Arabs as a people whose conflict was a main feature of their life. (This was further emphasised by the Arab-Israeli conflict after 1948).

Further, most Arab relationships were reported to be with the French, British, Jews, other Arabs and the U.S. With the sole exception of the U.S., the sum of these relationships emphasised conflict over other relationships.

As a function of this emphasis on conflict, particularly with the French, British and Jews, another distortion might have developed in the mind of the reader. The Arabs, in this case, were reported in constant conflict with the European colonial powers, and with the Jews over a Western-sponsored state, prior to 1948. The sum of that might have aided in creating a confrontational image of the Arabs as being

anti-West and possibly anti-modernisation.

It seems, thus, that the Arab image came a long way between 1916 and 1947. The Arab image, during that period, had outgrown its romanticism and become increasingly realistic. However, such a development was strongly tied to the reporting of events as they occurred in one or another Arab country or with this or that leader. The reports, during the inter-wars period, even relied mostly on sources which were unsympathetic to the Arabs, such as the French and Jewish. But despite that, there was a shift toward more balanced reporting around the early forties, with the possible emergence of an independent Arab view. This, therefore, could be an indication of greater accuracy in reporting and understanding the Arabs.

Randa Habib's Column

Stations weak on service

Petrol stations, like vegetable shops, should be regularly visited by controllers from the Ministry of Supply or others.

It seems that the quality of petrol put in our engines is not always the same. Many people complain of problems with their cars because of "unclean" petrol, and this belief has been confirmed by some mechanics. Petrol is being tampered with and as a result our engines suffer.

While we are on the subject of petrol stations, how many have fire extinguishers? This is required by law, but how many abide by this law? And when a station does have a fire extinguisher, is it functioning properly?

A car that caught fire recently near a petrol station demonstrated that the fire extinguishers were completely dry. Had it not been for the helplessness of nearby residents, this fire might have been catastrophic if the fire had extended to the petrol pumps.

Furthermore, all petrol stations should have air pumps for tyres. Is it asking too much to expect a complete service at any station, including not only petrol but also water, oil, and tyre pressure testing?

Opinion--Al Ra'i

Women do serve society

By Hayfa' Al Bashir

In reply to Khaled Mahadin ("They Also Serve?", JT March 14, 1983) I should like to say: Your article has drawn the attention of every citizen in this country, and was received with indignation.

Consequently, women are entitled to reply to it. The article was an unfair indictment of the Jordanian women, and women working in the social work field in particular. I believe the mission of the information media is a trust, and the writer should be objective and investigative before writing nonsensical things advocating that half of the members of society stop their contribution to the march of development and go back home to be neglected and forgotten about.

In Jordan's modern history, women have played a great and constructive role in the country's development. They have worked sincerely and produced a great deal. They have worked in the fields of education and culture, and dealt with the problems of orphans, and old age, poverty and disease.

What is wrong with well-to-do women working in these fields? No one expects a woman having to raise her children, by herself, or a woman working in factory or field to

writing an article in a newspaper or opening an account at a bank? Social work must seek all kinds of ways to acquire income so that it can continue.

I grant you that women involved in social work have made some mistakes. Do men never make mistakes?... Our mistakes were caused by lack of clarity of vision, and lack of training and administrative experience.

To overcome this, the whole community should encourage the development of social work in various fields and on various levels.

You said that man in our society gave freedom to our women and a mistake by doing so. Man has not given anything. It was women who seized their rights through education and work exactly as men did before them.

Unless we can raise children in families where women are no longer part of the household belongings, our children will never grow to think freely. And unless our women arm themselves with education, freedom of movement, economic independence and professional efficiency, they will never be able to share with men the responsibility which men should shoulder.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

- "Acrylics and Gouaches", by Nicole Massin at the French Cultural Centre.
- These exhibitions are on at the Royal Cultural Centre from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Jordan and the European Community.
- Exhibitions of Astronomy, Optics and Mathematics.
- Images de L'Art Francais.
- Leonardo's Working Models.

CONCERT

- The Young Soloists of the European Philharmonic Orchestra perform at the Royal Cultural Centre Thursday and Friday at 8:00 p.m.

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SPORTS

Borg sweeps aside Clerc in Monte Carlo Open

MONTE CARLO (R) — Bjorn Borg, playing his last tournament before retiring, swept aside third seed José Luis Clerc of Argentina 6-1, 6-3 here Wednesday to move into the second round of the Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament.

Borg, who says he is quitting tennis and wants to be a television sports commentator, played his usual cool game as Clerc, who beat American John McEnroe in a Davis Cup tie earlier this month, struggled to find his form.

The Swedish ace, who won an unprecedented five Wimbledon titles in a row during his 11-year career, took just 27 minutes to take the first set 6-1.

Then in the second he rallied from 3-1 down to clinch the match as Clerc's game fell to pieces. Clerc missed 11 straight first serves and consistently hit the ball long and wide.

Borg was content to play a back court game, letting the Argentinian come to the net and do all the work.

Borg, a resident of this tiny Mediterranean principality and a member of the country club where

the tournament is being played, decided to make this his last appearance and entered the draw on one of three wild cards.

He meets French Davis Cup player Henri Leconte on Thursday. Leconte beat American Chip Hooper 6-2, 6-3 in the first round.

Borg said: "I didn't expect to win in straight sets. I am very surprised. Clerc didn't play at all well. He made a lot of errors. He can play much better."

"I think he was nervous. He was bad in the first set and after that it was difficult for him to come back into the match," said Borg.

"I didn't expect to be playing my best tennis, but I am relaxed because I have decided my future and I know I am not going to play any more. I reckon if I can play well enough, I can win here," he added.

"I haven't played Leconte before in a tournament, although we've played exhibition matches. He is a good player, and is on good form at the moment," he said.

Clerc, who looked tired and disappointed, said: "I was under a lot of pressure. People had been tell-

ing me that I would win, but I was nervous."

Using a clever mix of strokeplay and aggressive tactics, Shlomo Glickstein of Israel upset top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 in the first round Tuesday.

Glickstein, 25 years old who is ranked 42nd in the world, won a two-hour 10 minute battle against the player rated the finest in the world by the computer rankings.

"That was my best victory ever," Glickstein said after his victory. "I've never beaten Lendl before and I've never beaten the world's top-ranked player before."

Lendl said he had been playing terribly ever since competing on a wood surface in the Davis Cup in Paraguay in early March. "I haven't been able to find my timing," he said.

On Sunday, he edged Kevin Curran of South Africa in three sets on a hard surface to win the Cuore Cup in Milan and he said he had only 45 minutes to practise on the Monte Carlo clay courts before Tuesday's match.

Mikkola challenges Mehta in Kenya's Safari Rally

NAIROBI (R) — Finland's Hannu Mikkola, driving a four-wheel-drive Audi Quattro, will challenge the dominance of the Datsuns and local ace Shekhar Mehta in Kenya's Safari Rally which starts Thursday.

Datsun have won the event, the fourth in this year's drivers' championship, seven times in the past 13 years with Mehta taking top honours for the past four years running.

But Mikkola, who became the first overseas driver to win the safari in 1972, is expected to make a strong bid against Mehta's Nissan 240rs over this year's 5,035-km four-day event.

Also in the top running is another Finn, Rauno Aaltonen, at the wheel of an Opel Ascona 400. In 19 attempts, Aaltonen has never won the safari, although he came within an ace of victory in 1981 and is sure to be going all-out this time.

Michele Mouton of France, the world's leading woman driver, will be driving her Audi Quattro and former world champion Sandro Munari of Italy is entering an Alfa Romeo GTV6 to add extra spice to the 83-car field.

The safari is one of the world's most grueling rallies, covering as it does the length and breadth of this rugged East African country.

Following the pattern of former years, the 1,621-km first leg takes the drivers through 26 stages on the comparatively easy but very fast run down to the Indian Ocean port of Mombasa and back up to Nairobi.

On Friday, leg two takes the cars on a wild 1,455-km swing around Mount Kenya in the centre of the country, returning to Nairobi on Saturday. This leg, which includes 23 stages is technically the most demanding and intricate for the drivers.

The 1,959-km third leg is the final test of the machines, looping through 38 stages up to the shores of Lake Victoria and on into the sun-baked semi-desert regions of northern Kenya before returning to Nairobi and the end of the rally on Sunday.

ACB fines Dennis Lillee

PERTH (R) — Fast bowler Dennis Lillee received a suspended 1,000-dollar (\$870) fine from the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) Wednesday for using abusive language.

The incident occurred during a Sheffield Shield match between Western Australia and South Australia in Adelaide on Feb. 28.

Bob Merriman, the ACB's cricket committee co-ordinator, who conducted Wednesday's hearing, said the suspended fine would be payable in addition to any other penalty should Lillee be found guilty of a breach of the code of behaviour during the next 14 months.

Lillee was accused of using abusive language towards spectators when he left the field after injuring his right knee.

Merriman said that as Lillee left the field he made a comment to the spectators which "was loud enough to be heard a considerable distance away."

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ECONOMY

Britain plans to compete with Nigeria in oil price cuts

LONDON (R) — Britain's state oil trading company Wednesday proposed further cuts of between 50 and 75 cents in the price of North Sea crude, industry sources said.

The new proposed price structure would put the price of Britain's Brent crude down 50 cents to \$30 a barrel, on a par with oil produced by its main competitor, Nigeria.

Other grades of oil would drop by 75 cents a barrel, the sources said.

The price proposals were being put forward after consultations between the trading company, the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC), and its clients but still have to be accepted by both suppliers and customers.

The spotlight will now be on Nigeria, which threatened after this month's international OPEC conference in London to match any British cut in order to maintain its competitive edge in a glutted market.

The two countries produce similar grades of high quality light crudes and compete for customers in the European and North American markets.

Industry analysts believe the Nigerians may be prepared to accept the latest proposed cuts, although informed sources have reported pressure within the Lagos government to match BNOC moves cent by cent.

Brent oil accounts for up to 30 per cent of daily British production of 2.1 million barrels a day and will now become the marker crude, replacing the declining forties grade.

Saudi Arabia's Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani predicted at the end of the OPEC conference that further British cuts of a dollar or more would invite an oil price war.

BNOC last recommended a North Sea price cut in mid-February when it proposed slashing \$3 off its existing \$33.50 a barrel price.

Industry sources said oil companies would ideally like to see British crude pegged down lower to reflect continuing slack demand in

Third World will need \$200b by '83 to recover

BAHRAIN (R) — Developing countries will need an estimated \$200 billion by 1985 to stop a slide in migration and restore economic growth in United Nations report said Wednesday.

The U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said in the report it had revised its emergency proposals, published earlier this year, to channel \$70 billion to the Third World and was setting a target forward a \$90 billion.

Early signs of resumption of developing market economies developing countries' output was likely to fall in 1983 for the third year in a row, UNCTAD said.

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The report reiterated proposals

made earlier this year, including a call to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to sell off a significant proportion of its gold stocks to help rescue Third World countries from cash shortage.

Other proposed measures included an increase in aid by developed countries to reach more than the 0.7 per cent target set by the United Nations.

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Riyadh devalues riyal

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporting country, said Wednesday it had slightly devalued its currency against the dollar.

A dollar was now worth 3.45 riyals compared with 3.44 previously, the Saudi Arabian monetary agency said in Riyadh.

Saudi Arabia alters the parity of its currency erratically and han-

kers said they could see no particular significance in Wednesday's very small devaluation.

The parity shifts represent technical rather than fundamental adjustments to maintain the riyal within a fluctuation band against the special drawing right, the International Monetary Fund's paper currency, they said.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities were off the lows following the British National Oil Corporation proposal to cut North Sea oil prices, though trading was quiet ahead of the holiday weekend, dealers said. The F.T. index at 1500 was down 2.3 at 649.8.

BNOC proposes a cut of 50 cents to \$30 per barrel of Brent field oil, which replaces forties as the North Sea crude marker price, dealers added. B.P. was down 2p at 316 after 312 while Shell was unchanged on balance at 444 after 438.

Government bonds were around ½ point firmer in longer dated issues in quiet trading following the BNOC proposal and on hopes that U.S. interest rates will not rise, dealers said.

The £97.5 million rights issue planned by Standard Chartered, which was down 23p at 459 after 449, caused other banks to fall in sympathy, with Barclays off 11p at 450. In insurance, Legal and General was unchanged on balance at 418 after 428, and Guardian Royal was up 10p at 422, after both announced figures above market expectations. Minet Holdings rose 9p to 136.

Bowater fell 26p to 148 on lower than expected 1982 pretax profits, but later rallied to 163, down 11p on Wednesday. British Aerospace fell 14p to 203 after comment on Tuesday's results. Hanson Trust, which Tuesday increased its holding in UDS to 10.99 pct., rose 6p to 189. UDS was up 1p at 133.

Deutsche Bank expects modest economic growth

FRANKFURT (R) — A spokesman for West Germany's biggest bank said Wednesday he expected only a modest growth in the West German economy this year, despite signs that it is picking up.

Winfried Guth, spokesman for the Deutsche Bank AG joint management board, was speaking at a press conference at which the bank's net profits for 1982 were released showing a drop over 1981 of 69.58 million marks (\$28.75 million) to 342.75 million marks (\$141.63 million).

"We can reckon with a modest growth of hardly more than one half percentage point. All hopes are centred on 1984, when we believe a growth in Gross National Product (GNP) of a good three per cent is possible," he said.

The West German government

has forecast nil growth for 1983 in real GNP — the increase in the country's total output of goods and services after abstracting inflation.

Mr. Guth said positive signs have come from a rise in new orders to the building, auto and engineering industries. But he added the government must build on new confidence it has fostered in investment by cutting its budget.

"I do not believe that any price

should be paid in the future to keep the EMS going," he said.

He said the future of the system now hung on the ability of countries like France and Italy to prevent their economies from diverging too widely from those of the "hard" EMS currencies such as West Germany.

Mr. Guth described the new French package of austerity measures, announced last week, as very strong and said they displayed a determination to reduce the country's trade deficit.

British Aerospace loses £23m in '82 after taxes

LONDON (R) — British Aerospace has announced a 1982 loss after taxes of £23 million (£34 million) due to provisions for lower sales and prices in the future despite a jump in trading profit last year.

Preliminary results from the company, partially nationalised by the government nearly two years ago, said it had made a trading profit of more than £112 million (£164 million) in 1982.

The company said its trading profit was 19 percent higher than in 1981. Profits before the exceptional provision were up 20 percent from £70.6 million (£103 million) to £84.7 million (£124 million).

INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

The Ministry of Public Works in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is inviting international contractors, in association with local contractors, to obtain prequalification forms for submitting construction tenders for the completion and maintenance of Phase I of Prince Hamza Medical Centre in Amman. These forms may be obtained from the Office of Government Tenders Directorate at the Ministry of Public Works against the payment of a non-refundable fee of JD 100 (one hundred Jordanian Dinars) between the hours of 09.00 and 14.00 Saturday, the April 2, 1983 and also up to and including Saturday the May 14, 1983.

Completed forms must be returned to the same office not later than 12.00 noon on the May 28, 1983.

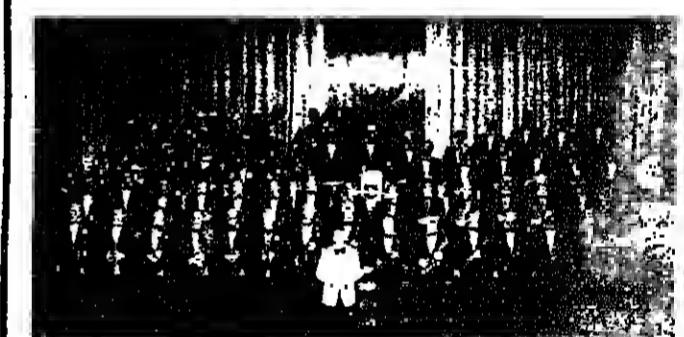
It is anticipated that qualified contractors will be invited to collect tender documents by September, 1983. The tender submittal will be approximately two and a half months therefrom.

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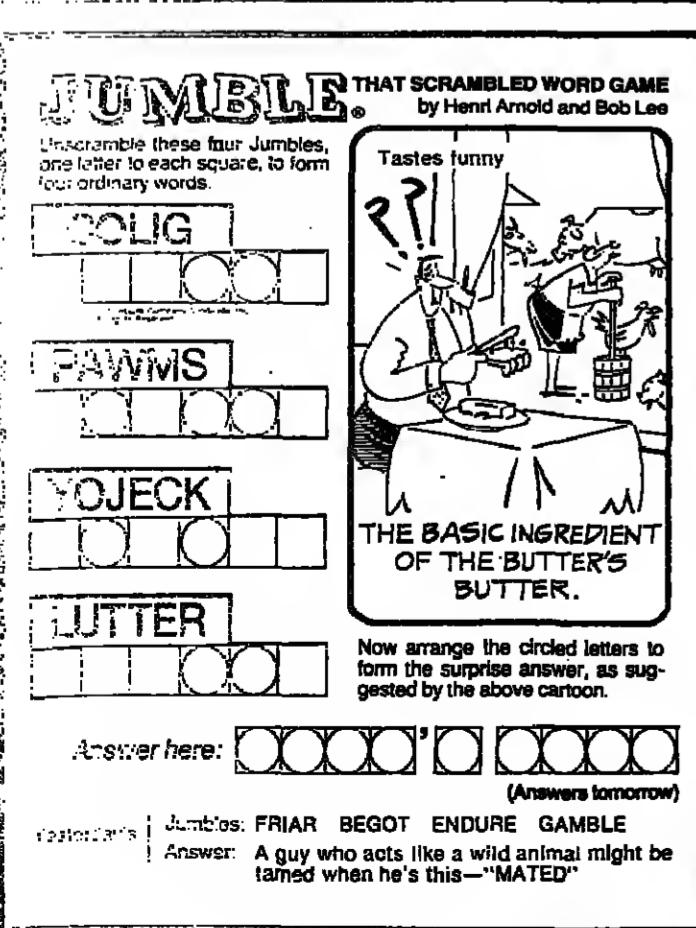
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WORLD

Nicaragua destroys rebel runway

NICARAGUA (R) — Nicaraguan troops have destroyed a runway used by rightist exiles to support their invasion of Nicaragua from Honduras, Interior Minister Tomás Borge said Tuesday night.

Ground troops backed by air force planes attacked the runway in Zelaya province near the Honduran border early today, he said.

Three Nicaraguan soldiers were killed and three wounded in the fighting, he said. The rightists who fled to the mountains also suffered casualties, he said, but gave no details.

M. Borge said the runway was used by helicopters and small planes to supply the invaders with arms, ammunition and other supplies. No aircraft were on the ground when it was attacked.

M. Borge said there were actually two runways in the area, one in Nicaragua and one in Honduras, but "We attacked the runway on the Nicaraguan side only."

A government communiqué earlier said Honduran troops attacked Nicaraguan border posts in Chinandega province on Sunday and crossed into Nicaragua before being beaten back.

It was the latest escalation by Nicaragua at border crossings from Honduras since it said last week that it had been infiltrated by some 1,000 rightist exiles.

Security Council avoids risk of U.S. veto

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The Security Council side-stepped the risk of a U.S. veto Tuesday night by ending a debate on Nicaraguan charges of aggression by Washington-backed guerrillas based in Honduras without adopting a resolution.

France attempts to sell nuclear plant to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (R) — France said Tuesday it differed with U.S. policy and was discussing the possibility of selling its billion dollar nuclear power plant to Pakistan.

External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, declining to give details of his talks, said France would not deny nuclear technology to peaceful purposes to a country which did not have all its nuclear installations covered by international safeguards demanded by Washington.

French officials realised its position different from that of the United States, which insisted on strict safeguards.

France has all nuclear installations covered by International Atomic Energy Agency regulations of nuclear technology, Cheysson said. France

considered that every country had the right of access to modern technology, science.

"So provided the necessary provisions are entered into to ensure control by the IAEA and to see that the purpose of a new development in the nuclear field is devoted to peaceful development, France is ready to be a partner," he told reporters.

"It seems on this so-called full-scope approach we do not have the same approach (as the United States)," Mr. Cheysson said. "Let it be noted."

Pakistan has been repeatedly charged with trying to develop nuclear weapons, but it insists that the technology is needed for peaceful uses only.

Last year Pakistan invited tenders for a 900 megawatt nuclear power plant, costing more than \$1 billion.

Argentine unionists to stage protest march

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Hardliners in Argentina's trade union movement said they will stage a protest march against the military government Wednesday following Monday's strike which brought the country almost to a halt.

But leaders of the moderate "azopardo" faction of the General Confederation of Labour (CGT) had still not decided early Wednesday whether to join the march.

Both wings of the trade union movement called a 24-hour national strike on Monday to demand better wages and to protest at the government's economic and social policies.

Union leaders said widespread support for the strike showed the Argentine people's repudiation of the CGT-Brasil and march to a square near the former headquarters of Argentina's trade union movement, closed down following the 1976 coup.

The armed forces seized power in 1976 but have promised to hold

elections on October 30 and restore democratic government.

Wednesday's demonstration has been called to commemorate a wave of anti-government demonstrations on March 30 last year which were heavily repressed by the authorities.

More than 2,000 people were arrested in Buenos Aires during last year's protest.

Saul Ubaldini, general secretary of the militant "Brasil" wing of the CGT, said Tuesday night the march would go ahead, even if the government tried to ban it.

He told reporters the demonstrators will gather outside the Buenos Aires headquarters of the CGT-Brasil and march to a square near the former headquarters of Argentina's trade union movement, closed down following the 1976 coup.

'Tales of the Chekists' identifies British mole

MOSCOW (R) — A new book on Soviet espionage reports that a senior official in the British Foreign Office spied for Moscow during the early 1930s.

The book, "Tales of the Chekists" (Soviet intelligence agents), identifies the man as Sir Edward Pelham Hollis. It says he passed on secrets to the Kremlin for money and not out of any ideological conviction.

Following the recent deaths of Donald MacLean and Anthony Blunt, the appearance of the book coincided with renewed interest in the subject of Britons who spied for Moscow.

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MIS chief suspect

NEW YORK — A British historian alleged Tuesday that Sir Michael Hanley was appointed head of Britain's MI5 intelligence operations in the 1970s even though he had once been investigated as a possible Soviet spy.

At a news conference, historian Nigel West said Sir Michael's appointment as MI5 director-general in 1972 hit the security service "like a bombshell" because he had been the subject of a Soviet-mole investigation code-named Har-

old. Neither was he listed in recent editions of Burke's Peerage or Who's Who.

The author of the report, Nikolai Pekelnik, said the spy was related to the Duke of Newcastle. But no Hollis is listed among relatives of the Newcastles, whose family name is Pelham Clinton-Hope.

The underground statement did not give exact instructions for the celebrations on May Day, which is traditionally marked by an official march through the central streets organised by the communist leaders.

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Reagan says 1 term in office not enough for a U.S. leader

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan, who has yet to announce if he will seek re-election in 1984, has said one term in office was not long enough for a president to implement his programmes.

"You really can't in four years carry through programmes that may be necessary," Mr. Reagan told reporters at a question-and-answer session.

He insisted he was not tipping his hand about his plans but said the United States had suffered because of a succession of one-term presidents.

"I think it creates an instability," he said when asked if the rapid turnover in administration during the past two decades was cause for concern.

The last president to serve two complete four-year terms was Dwight Eisenhower, who left office in January, 1961. Mr. Reagan has been under increasing pressure from members of his Republican Party to announce his plans.

Even in a duplicate pair contract, if you have South as the six, you should look for the safest line. Why? Since a number of pairs are going to bid the club, you are assured of a better than average score by simply bringing home the contract. In addition, some declarers might go down, increasing your reward even further.

West won the jack and continued with a diamond. Declarer ruffed in dummy, and ruffed another club with a high trump to set up the suit. Now the ace of trumps and a low trump to dummy's ten enabled declarer to draw the outstanding trumps, ending up on the board.

Declarer's good clubs and the ace of spades accounted for the rest of the tricks.

When you first saw this hand, did you realize that declarer's only loser would be a trump trick?

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Relatives of Argentine servicemen killed in last year's Falklands (Malvinas) conflict will go ahead with a planned visit to war graves on the islands, whether or not the British government gives its permission, the group's organiser said Tuesday.

Oswaldo de Stefanis, president of the Centre of Volunteers for the Fatherland, told Reuters that about 250 relatives of Argentine servicemen killed in the fighting would set sail from Buenos Aires on April 16.

The aim was to land at Port Darwin to visit the war cemetery where about 220 Argentine dead are buried, he said in a telephone interview.

House speaker in China; Peking raps Taiwan policy

PEKING (R) — The official newspaper China Daily Wednesday accused the United States of duplicity in its relations with Taiwan and said continued double-dealing would further endanger relations between Washington and Peking.

The English-language newspaper made the accusation in a commentary timed to coincide with a visit to Peking by Thomas (Tip) O'Neill, speaker of the House of Representatives.

"A month seldom passes without someone on the other side of the Pacific harping on the same old tune and declaring that there is an American alliance with Taiwan, which the U.S. officially agrees is part of China," the paper said.

"Such declarations cannot be ignored just because of their sheer

absurdity, nor taken as mere sensible garrulity, for principles governing international behaviour are involved," it added.

"Continued double-dealing will further endanger relations between the two countries which are not as they should be for lack of fundamental trust," the paper added.

Relations between China and the U.S. are under strain as a result of continued American support for Taiwan.

China said last week it had objected to Washington over U.S. plans to deliver a record \$800 million worth of arms to the year to the Nationalist-ruled island.

U.S. Ambassador Arthur Hummel was called to the foreign ministry on March 17 to be informed of China's displeasure over the arms sales.

NEWS IN BRIEF

\$1m drugs seized in Egypt

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian police have seized an estimated \$1 million worth of drugs after a two-hour gunbattle with smugglers who tied on camels, a spokesman for Cairo security department said. The spokesman told Reuter that 1,600 policemen took part in the eastern desert battle in the outskirts of Salam City, a Cairo suburb.

'Shergar is probably dead by now'

LONDON (R) — Champion racehorse Shergar, kidnapped from a stud farm in Ireland in February, is probably dead, according to a member of the syndicate which owns the stallion. "I've given up all hope of seeing Shergar alive again," Lord Derby told reporters Tuesday night. "I had two mares waiting to go to stud by him, but now I've made other arrangements," he said. The £10 million (\$14 million) stallion, which is syndicated among 40 shareholders, notably the Aga Khan, won the 1981 English and Irish Derbys. Irish police say they have no new leads in the case. The only real clues to the stallion's disappearance have been a demand for a £2 million (\$2.8 million) ransom and descriptions of three men seen near the stud on the night of the kidnapping.

Body hunters thrive in Harare

HARARE (R) — A major Harare hospital is being plagued by body-hunters, small-time unofficial undertakers, the government information service reported Tuesday. "They have come to be known as the death dealers as their business thrives on dead bodies," it said in a press handout. The dealers, who have muscled over the city, visit Harare hospital every morning and their first question to attendants is "how many dead today?" it reported. "These people have no morals. Sometimes they walk into the wards during visiting times looking for seriously ill patients. Then they offer funeral services before the person is even dead," said hospital administrator Margaret Chidzonga.

Basque guerrillas end prison mutiny

VICTORIA, Spain (R) — About 35 jailed Basque guerrillas ended a prison mutiny early Wednesday and released five hostages unharmed, officials said. They seized the hostages, all prison officers, near here Tuesday after rioting in protest against the transfer of a fellow prisoner. The guerrillas surrendered after receiving assurances that there would be no further transfers, the officials said.

Ripper victim fined for soliciting

LEEDS, England (R) — A young mother who survived an attack by the so-called Yorkshire Ripper in December 1977, was convicted of soliciting and fined £20 (\$30) by a local court. Marilyn Moore, 30, was arrested by members of the vice squad here less than a mile from where she was attacked by Peter Sutcliffe, now serving a life sentence for murder.

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